

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2017</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017	
A	This return/report is for: <div>☐ a multiemployer plan☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)☒ a single-employer plan☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div>
B	This return/report is: <div>☐ the first return/report☐ the final return/report☐ an amended return/report☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div>☒ Form 5558☐ automatic extension☐ the DFVC program☐ special extension (enter description)</div>

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1988
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 22901 MILLCREEK BOULEVARD STE 650 HIGHLAND HILLS, OH 44122
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-292-3800
2d	Business code (see instructions) 331200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2018	RICHARD MANSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	1209
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1)	1057
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	1080
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b	4
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	143
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	1227
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	1
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	1228
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	1034
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	61
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 4B			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>3</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017	
A Name of plan OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier VOYA FINANCIAL - RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
41-0451170	67105	PT 8229/8128	33	01/01/2017	12/31/2017

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	
6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:		
a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	18660
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	
e Type of contract: (1) ☒ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐		
7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)		
a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶		
b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017	
A Name of plan OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
35-0472300	65676	070928	1	01/01/2017	12/31/2017

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	502
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☒ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	
▶		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	
▶		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
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 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
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(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:			
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier		10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.		10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☒ Yes ☐ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

NO SCHEDULE A INFORMATION PROVIDED

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier PACIFIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
95-1079000	67466	VF502	3	01/01/2017	12/31/2017

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	4004
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☒ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	
(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	
▶		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	
▶		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2017
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017	
A Name of plan OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NOBLE-DAVIS CONSULTING, INC.

6190 COCHRAN RD
SUITE D
SOLON, OH 44139

34-1723189

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR	98226	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	57272	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MID ATLANTIC TRUST COMPANY

1251 WATERFRONT PLACE
SUITE 525
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

26-0010549

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
19	CUSTODIAN	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	35141	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

R. W. BAIRD & CO., INC.

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 1650
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

39-6037917

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	53621	Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WALTHALL LLP

6300 ROCKSIDE RD
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

34-0644631

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	AUDITOR	14800	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CAPFINANCIAL PARTNERS, LLC

4208 SIX FORKS RD/. SUITE 1700
RALEIGH, NC 27609

26-0058143

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	51988	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	24250	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	WALTHALL LLP	b EIN:	34-0644631
c Position:	AUDITOR		
d Address:	6300 ROCKSIDE RD CLEVELAND, OH 44131	e Telephone:	

Explanation: WALTHALL LLP WAS ACQUIRED BY REA & ASSOCIATES DURING 2017.

a Name:		b EIN:	
c Position:			
d Address:		e Telephone:	

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2017</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650				

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: METLIFE SERIES 25053-CLASS 60		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 58-1428634-008	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: METLIFE SERIES 25053-CLASS 0		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 46-6625485-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7261711
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.				
	Assets			
a	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	138934	211017
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	156538	185376
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	249568	0
	(3) Other.....	1b(3)		30
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	7018	0
	(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
	(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
	(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
	(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
	(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
	(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
	(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
	(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
	(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1663343	1446249
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	10174545	7261711
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)		
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	44141802	57436155
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
	(15) Other	1c(15)	347480	425456

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	56879228 66965994
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	301 151
h	Operating payables	1h	105 200
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	
j	Other liabilities	1j	19700 30610
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	20106 30961
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	56859122 66935033

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1023558
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3137451
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	139944
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	4300953
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	80251
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	80251
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	798917
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	798917
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	1189230
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	1068709
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	120521
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		190252
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		9373954
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		77976
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		14942824

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	4639455	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		4639455
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		55078
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		-16792
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	14800	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	99846	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	76239	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		190885
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		4868626

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		10074198
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		1713
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: REA & ASSOCIATES, INC

(2) EIN: 34-1310124

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
4b		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
4e	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	X		
4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	X		
4n	X		

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____. (See instructions.)

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2017</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017		
A Name of plan OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 27-3169253		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month Day Year		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. Increase Decrease Both No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2017 v. 170203		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

- a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%
- b** Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more
- c** What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

**OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k)
RETIREMENT PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

October 12, 2018

To the Plan Administrator of
Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees' 401(k) Retirement Plan
Highland Hills, OH

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees' 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan except for comparing the information with the related information in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2017, and for the year then ended that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matters

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), as of December 31, 2017, is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

The financial statements of the Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 were audited by Walthall, LLP who merged with Rea & Associates, Inc., on November 1, 2017 and whose report dated October 11, 2017 did not express an opinion on the 2016 statements for the same reason as described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph. Their report also indicated the form and content of the information included in the 2016 financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee was presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the 2017 financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee and custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Rea & Associates, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements Of Net Assets Available For Benefits

As Of December 31, 2017 And 2016

	2017	2016
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 211,017	\$ 145,952
Investments, at fair market value:		
Participant-directed investments	65,123,322	53,596,044
Nonparticipant-directed investments	-	1,067,783
Investments, at fair market value	65,123,322	54,663,827
Receivables:		
Participant Contributions	-	249,568
Employer contributions	185,376	156,538
Notes receivable from participants	1,446,249	1,663,343
Miscellaneous receivables	30	-
Total Assets	66,965,994	56,879,228
Liabilities		
Refunds due of participant contributions	-	55,078
Miscellaneous payables	30,961	20,106
Total Liabilities	30,961	75,184
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 66,935,033	\$ 56,804,044

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements Of Changes In Net Assets Available For Benefits
For The Years Ended December 31, 2017 And 2016

	2017	2016
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 9,684,727	\$ 2,053,472
Gain on life insurance	77,976	20,588
Dividend and interest income	798,917	463,804
	<u>10,561,620</u>	<u>2,537,864</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants	80,251	70,861
Contributions:		
Participants	3,137,451	2,770,465
Employer	1,023,558	902,777
Rollovers	139,944	349,192
	<u>4,300,953</u>	<u>4,022,434</u>
Total additions	14,942,824	6,631,159
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to		
Benefits paid to participants	4,599,496	3,941,981
Administrative expenses	190,885	129,313
Insurance premiums	23,167	23,821
	<u>4,813,548</u>	<u>4,095,115</u>
Total deductions	4,813,548	4,095,115
Net Increase Prior to Transfer of Assets	10,129,276	2,536,044
Transfer of Assets		
Transfer of assets to the plan	1,713	438,428
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>438,428</u>
Net Increase After Transfer of Assets	10,130,989	2,974,472
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of year	56,804,044	53,829,572
	<u>56,804,044</u>	<u>53,829,572</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 66,935,033</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,804,044</u></u>

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of the Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees' 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Nature of Operations

The Plan is a defined contribution plan adopted on January 1, 1988 to provide retirement benefits for eligible employees of Olympic Steel, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company). The Plan also contains provisions for disability and death benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year participants may elect to defer a percentage of compensation. A participant may also be permitted to contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. The Company contributes 50% of the first 10% of compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Additional amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's board of directors. All contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, an allocation of the Company's contribution, an allocation of Plan earnings, and an allocation of plan expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after six years of credited service.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct that his / her account balance be invested among certain specific funds selected by the plan administrator.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan allows for participants to borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of 50% of their vested account balance up to \$50,000. The interest rate must be a reasonable rate, as determined by the plan administrator. Interest assessed on outstanding loans was 3.25% - 6.50% at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Maturities on these loans do not exceed five years unless the funds are used to acquire a participant's principal residence.

Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Upon service or disability retirement, death, termination or financial hardship, the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive a benefit payment. Benefit payments are paid directly to the participant from the net assets available for benefits, and are made in lump-sum amounts or through periodic payments as specified by the participant, subject to the provisions of the Plan.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures are used to reduce company contributions, provided, however, if in a given year the forfeitures exceed the company contribution, such forfeitures shall be used to pay plan expenses or allocated to remaining participants in the same manner as company contributions. During 2017 and 2016, forfeitures totaling \$89,639 and \$135,000 respectively, were used to reduce employer contributions or pay plan expenses. Forfeitures remaining at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were approximately \$77,712 and \$89,600, respectively.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Amendments

The Plan was restated effective January 1, 2016 to incorporate legislative and regulatory changes.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is a price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Plan Expenses

The Plan pays the majority of the administrative expenses and participant accounts are charged an allocation of expenses.

Refunds Due of Participant Contributions

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Investments

The net appreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits reflects the net gains and losses on all investments, which are invested primarily in mutual funds.

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

	2017	2016
Net assets certified by trustee		
Common / collective trust	\$ 7,261,710	\$ 10,174,545
Mutual funds	57,436,156	43,074,018
Cash and cash equivalents	211,017	138,934
Certified assets	<u><u>\$ 64,908,883</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,387,497</u></u>
	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016
Additions to net assets certified by trustee		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 9,537,810	\$ 2,415,965
Interest and dividends	798,917	454,746

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. |
| Level 2 | <p>Inputs to the valuation methodology include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;• Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;• Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;• Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. <p>If the asset or liability has a specific (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.</p> |
| Level 3 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. |

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset values of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Common / collective trusts (CCT): Valued at net asset value (NAV) of units held. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance: Valued based on the cash paid into the policy less cost of insurance coverage plus related dividend income retained under the policy.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2017				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 57,436,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,436,156
Life Insurance	-	-	425,456	425,456
	57,436,156	-	425,456	57,861,612
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	7,261,710
	\$ 57,436,156	\$ -	\$ 425,456	\$ 65,123,322

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 43,317,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,317,628
Life Insurance	-	-	347,481	347,481
	43,317,628	-	347,481	43,665,109
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	10,174,545
	\$ 43,317,628	\$ -	\$ 347,481	\$ 53,839,654

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 :

	Life Insurance	Israeli Bonds
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 339,770	\$ 60,000
Investment gain	33,545	-
Sales	(25,834)	(60,000)
Balance, December 31, 2016	347,481	\$ -
Investment gain	\$ 77,975	
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 425,456	

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables summarize investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

Investment	Fair Value of Investments that use Net Asset Value as of December 31, 2017			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common / collective trust Stable Value Fund	\$ 7,261,710	N/A	Daily	None

Investment	Fair Value of Investments that use Net Asset Value as of December 31, 2016			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common / collective trust Stable Value Fund	\$ 10,174,545	N/A	Daily	None

Note 5 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Noble-Davis Consulting provides administrative and recordkeeping services. The fees charged for these services for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$155,498 and \$163,049, respectively. Mid Atlantic Trust Company provides trustee services. The fees charged for these services for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$35,414 and \$32,375, respectively.

The Plan participates in a revenue-sharing arrangement whereby the Plan receives funds to pay certain administrative fees. These funds totaled approximately \$170,558 and \$227,200 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Note 6 - Federal Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined that the prototype profit sharing plan with CODA and the related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and therefore, are not subject to tax under present income tax law by a letter dated July 8, 2010. The Plan has been amended since the determination letter was received. However, the Plan's administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and the prototype Plan document.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan, and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan administrator believes that, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, generally for three years after returns are filed; however, there are currently no audits for any periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

Note 7 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 66,935,033	\$ 56,804,044
Refunds due of participant contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>55,078</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 66,935,033</u>	<u>\$ 56,859,122</u>

The following is a reconciliation of certain line items per the 2016 statement of changes in net assets available for benefits to the Form 5500:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Benefit payments and insurance premiums per the financial statements	\$ 4,622,663	\$ 3,965,802
Change in refunds due of participant contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>5,461</u>
Benefit payments per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,622,663</u>	<u>\$ 3,971,263</u>

Note 8 - Transfer of Assets

During the plan years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 assets were transferred to the plan from the plan to the Olympic Steel, Inc. Union Employees' 401(k) Retirement Plan in the amount of \$1,713 and \$438,428, respectively. These transfers reflect the change in employment status of certain employees from union to non-union status.

Note 9 - Subsequent Events

Plan management evaluated subsequent events through October 12, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

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PLAN #003 EIN: 34-1245650
FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H PART IV LINE 4(i)

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2017

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current Value	
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund Retirement	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 8,405,770	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares	Mutual Fund	**	6,014,150	
MFS Value R6	Mutual Fund	**	5,929,410	
Principal MidCap Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Fund	**	4,817,926	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund	**	4,104,382	
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JP Morgan Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	3,089,460	
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Carillon Eagle Small Cap Growth Fund class R6	Mutual Fund	**	1,083,920	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund	**	793,662	
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Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	40,253	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	10,701	
Reliance Trust Stable Value Fd - MetLife Series 25	Common / Collective Trust	**	7,261,710	
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance Policies	Life Insurance Policies	**	425,456	
			<u>65,123,322</u>	
* Participant Loans	3.25% - 6.5% notes receivable with maturity dates through 2046 collateralized by participant accounts	**	1,446,249	
Total investments			<u>\$ 66,569,571</u>	

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